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1. WE HAVE INFORMED UNITAS FORCE COMMANDER (COMSOLANT) OF POTENTIAL PROBLEMS AND HE HAS BEEN ADVISED TO CONSIDER ALTERNATIVES.
2. AT REQUEST CHILEAN NAVY, UNITAS SHIPS ALREADY SCHEDULED TO BY-PASS VALPARAISO. NEXT INPORT PERIOD (WITH ONLY BASE LIBERTY) NOW SCHEDULED 18-23 SEP AT TALCAHUANO. WE HAVE ADVISED CHILEAN NAVY THAT WE ARE FLEXIBLE AND READY SATISFY ANY REQUIREMENT.
3. WE ALSO WATCHING CAREFULLY SCHEDULED OVERFLIGHT AND LANDING OF P-3 A/C NOW SCHEDULED FOR 11 SEPT IN CHILE.

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4. AT THIS MOMENT--UNLESS SITUATION CHANGES--WE BELIEVE OUR

BEST POSTURE IS TO CONTINUE ABOUT OUR BUSINESS UNTIL THERE IS
SOME SIGNAL FROM CHILEAN SIDE (EITHER GOC OR NAVY), THAT PLANS
SHOULD BE CHANGED. US INITIATIVE WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO EXPLAIN
AND PROBABLY MISINTERPRETED.

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